Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1829.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, September 8th, A. L. 5829.

PRESENT:

E. ROBERT LASH, . .	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Steward.
Comp. JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

And several visiters.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The records of the last meeting were read.

On motion, *Voted*, That the officers present, be excused from wearing their appropriate jewels.

On motion, *Voted*, That this meeting be adjourned unto Tuesday, the 29th instant, to meet at such hour as the Grand High Priest may appoint.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, September 29th, A. L. 5829.

PRESENT:

M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, .	Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Concord, and Mount Horeb.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Grand High Priest made an interesting report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, at their communication held at New York, on the 10th inst.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Edward A. Raymond, and John J. Loring, be appointed a Committee to confer with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in this Commonwealth, on the expediency of uniting and conferring those degrees in the Subordinate Chapters.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the subject of reducing the annual fee of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully ask leave to report:

That after mature deliberation on the subject, they would recommend that the 12th article be amended, so as to read thus: "The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer annually, the sum of six dollars, and also three dollars for every candidate who shall be exalted in such Chapter, and shall be entitled to receive of the Grand Secretary one diploma for each candidate exalted."

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
ELIAS HASKELL,
GILBERT NURSE, } *Committee.*

Boston, Sept. 29, 1829.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having attended to the duty assigned them by the Constitution, respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and records of the Grand Secretary, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands at the settlement of accounts the last year, the sum of	$1264 22
He has since received from the Chapters under this jurisdiction, for fees, ...	373 00
For interest on money in his hands, . . .	65 00
	$1702 22
The Grand Treasurer has paid for sundry expenses, as per vouchers produced, ...	503 38
Leaving a balance in his hands of . . .	$1198 84

The Grand Treasurer's account current accompanies and makes a part of this report.

The Committee are perfectly satisfied with the very neat and correct manner in which the official duties of the departments under examination have been performed.

The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines receiving any compensation for his valuable services, and is therefore entitled to the thanks of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for his services the past year,

The Grand Treasurer reports that returns have not been received from King Hiram's, King Cyrus, Rising Sun, Worcester, King Solomon's, and Franklin Chapters for the years 1827 and 1828, and from Adoniram, Morning Star, Concord, Thomas, Northampton, and Brookfield, for the year 1828.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. BRADFORD,
ELIAS HASKELL,
GILBERT NURSE, } *Committee of Finance.*

Boston, Sept. 28, 1829.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to write to the delinquent Chapters under this jurisdiction, and request an immediate settlement of their dues.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of forty dollars for charitable purposes the present year.

On motion, *Voted*, That all the officers elected and appointed to office in this Grand Chapter, be entitled to vote this evening at the election of officers, and on all questions coming before them.

The Grand Chapter resolved itself into Committee of the whole, for the election of officers,—E. Comp. John J. Loring in the chair.

E. Comps. John R. Bradford, Edward A. Raymond, and Simon W. Robinson, were appointed a Committee to collect, assort and declare the votes.

The following companions were unanimously elected to the offices set against their respective names, viz:

M.E. and Rev. Benjamin Huntoon,	Grand High Priest.
E. and Rev. Samuel Clarke,	Grand King.
" Charles Wells,	Grand Scribe.
" Abraham A. Dame,	Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel Howe,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the installation of the officers elect of this Grand Chapter take place at the stated meeting in December next.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. John J. Loring, Joseph Jenkins, and Simon W. Robinson, be appointed a Committee to inform E. and Rev. Comp. Benjamin Huntoon of his election as Grand High Priest, and Rev. Comp. Sam'l Clarke, of his election as Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Edward A. Raymond, and Abraham A. Dame, be appointed a Committee to compare the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, with the revised Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and report such alterations as they may think expedient and conformable thereto.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 8th, A. L. 5829.

Present:

M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens,	Grand High Priest.
E. Samuel Clarke,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Henry Purkett,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Abraham A. Dame,	Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel Howe,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Michael Roulstone,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOHN P. BIGELOW, . Grand Steward.
" NATHANIEL WATERMAN, Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.

Member.—E. HENRY PURKETT.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Concord, and Bethlehem.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, That the proxies of Ephraim Kempton, High Priest, and George Randall, Scribe of Bethlehem Chapter, be admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the omission of seals in their commissions.

The Committee of conference with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, on the expediency of uniting and conferring those degrees in the several Chapters, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee on revising the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The following communication was received from Rev. and E. Comp. Benjamin Huntoon.

CANTON, November 11, 1829.

M.E. COMPANIONS:

Your communication of the 1st of October, informing me of my election to the elevated station of High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, has been duly received, and I should be calous to the purest feelings of our nature, were I not to be gratified by this flattering expression of the approbation and partiality of my companions. And while I am

reluctantly compelled, *in consequence of an unexpected removal of my residence from this Commonwealth*, to decline the acceptance of the dignified trust, and exalted honor, so generously proffered me, I would beg you to make my grateful acknowledgments to the M.E. Grand Chapter for this cordial assurance of their confidence and friendship, my highest respect for their distinguished body, and my best wishes for its prosperity and success in the holy cause of benevolence and morality.

And permit me to avail myself of the present opportunity for expressing my unabated devotion, and ardent attachment to the sublime principles, and auspicious tendencies of Freemasonry, and my unfeigned sentiments of personal regard and esteem for yourselves.

I am very respectfully,

Your sincere friend and companion,

BENJAMIN HUNTOON.

M.E. Comps. JOSEPH JENKINS.
" " JOHN J. LORING.
" " SIMON W. ROBINSON.

Whereupon it was *Voted*, That half past 7 o'clock be assigned for the election of Grand High Priest, in place of the Rev. Comp. Huntoon, who declines.

On motion, *Voted*, That the dispensation granted to Bethlehem Chapter, be extended for the term of one year.

A petition from Washington Chapter for the remission of the annual fee to the Grand Chapter, was read and committed to E. Comps. Abraham A. Dame, Simon W. Robinson, and John J. Loring.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given.

The time having arrived which was assigned for the election of a Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter resolved

itself into Committee of the whole,—Comp. Charles Russell in the chair.

Comps. Robinson, Shattuck, and Blake, were appointed a Committee to collect, assort and declare the votes; who reported the whole number of votes were for E. and Rev. Comp. SAMUEL CLARKE of Princeton.

E. Comps. Henry Purkett, Daniel Baxter, and Joseph Jenkins, were appointed a Committee to inform Rev. Comp. Samuel Clarke of his election as Grand High Priest, who reported his acceptance.

Rev. Comp. CHARLES TRAIN of Framingham, was unanimously elected to the office of Grand King.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

E. Comps. Joseph Jenkins, and Daniel Baxter, were appointed a Committee to inform Rev. Comp. Charles Train of his election as Grand King.

Rev. and E. Comp. Samuel Clarke was then presented to M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, by whom he was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter for the current year, in solemn form, and in accordance with the principles and *ancient usages* of the institution.

The Grand High Priest then installed Hon. and E. Comp. Charles Wells as Scribe of the Grand Chapter, for the current year.

The following appointments were then made by the M.E. Grand High Priest, viz:

E. Comp. ROBERT LASH of Boston, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Rev. Comp. SEBASTIAN STREETER of Boston,	Grand Chaplains.
" " SAMUEL BARRETT of Boston,	
" " SETH ALDEN of Marlborough,	
E. Comp. JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ELIJAH ATHERTON,	Grand Lecturers.
" EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" ELIAS HASKELL,	
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Committee on Charity.
" SAMUEL HOWE,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Stewards.
" FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The officers appointed by the Grand High Priest (who were present) were then duly installed into their respective offices.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. Comp. Daniel L. Gibbens, for the able, faithful and impartial manner, in which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest for three years past.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to the Rev. and E. Comp. Benjamin Huntoon, for his valuable services, as Deputy Grand High Priest, for three years past, and that E. Comps. Daniel L. Gibbens, Charles Wells, and Abraham A. Dame, be a Committee to communicate the same.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. Richard S. Spofford, for his able services as Grand King during the same period.

Also, to Comps. Michael Roulstone, Robert Keith, and John P. Bigelow, for their services for several years.

The Grand High Priest, then addressed the companions in a few interesting and appropriate remarks, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true record,

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, at Mason's Hall, on Tuesday evening, June 8th, A. L. 5830.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. SAMUEL CLARKE,	Grand High Priest.
E. ROBERT LASH, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" SAMUEL HOWE, . .	Grand Secretary.
E. and Rev. SAMUEL BARRETT,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,	Grand Stewards.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Members.

Rev. PAUL DEAN,	Comp. JOHN J. LORING,
Comp. HENRY PURKETT,	" DAN'L L. GIBBENS.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Concord.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed to compare the Constitution of this Grand Chapter with the revised Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, respectfully ask leave to report:

That, the 11th article be so far altered as to read thus:—

"The fees for a warrant for holding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and opening Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, shall be ninety dollars, and the Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners ten dollars for his services in executing the Charter."

The Committee also recommend an alteration of the 3d article in the particular Regulations, by inserting in the proviso after Royal Arch Mason—"and that he be a member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction."

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, Chairman.

Boston, June 7, 1830.

Which report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee of conference on the propriety of uniting the degrees of Royal and Select Masters with those conferred in the Chapters, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A communication from the Grand Lodge, to provide a place for future meetings, was read, and on motion, com-

mitted to Comps. Samuel Clarke, Robert Keith, and Francis R. Bigelow, to co-operate with said Committee.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

GRAND CHAPTER, June 8th, 1830.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Washington Chapter, for a remission of the annual fees now due to this Grand Chapter, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report:—They are aware of the depressed state of the finances of many of the Subordinate Chapters, and that the payment of the annual fee, at the present time, seems to bear hard upon them; but it should be recollected that this fee has recently been reduced from 12 to 6 dollars, and this being the only source from which we can expect to receive an income to meet the ordinary expenses of the Grand Chapter, it is therefore manifest that a remission of this fee would deprive the Grand Chapter of the means necessary for its support. Your Committee are unable to discover any circumstances in the case of Washington Chapter to distinguish it from the other Chapters under this jurisdiction.

It is their opinion that is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, which is submitted by

ABRAHAM A. DAME,
JOHN J. LORING,
SIMON W. ROBINSON, } *Committee.*

By virtue of a commission received from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, (which was read), the Grand High Hriest installed E. and Rev. Comp. Paul Dean, as Grand King of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

Rev. Comps. Clarke and Dean then delivered addresses appropriate to the occasion.

On motion, *Voted*, That Comps. Robert Lash, Daniel L. Gibbens, and John J. Loring, be a Committee to wait on

Rev. Comps. Samuel Clarke and Paul Dean, and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, to thank them for the expression of their sentiments on this occasion, and to request a copy of their addresses for publication.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Committee for procuring a place of meeting, in conjunction with the other Masonic bodies in this city, be instructed to request the Grand Lodge to surrender the lease of Mason's Hall to the city of Boston, on such equitable terms as they may deem best.

On motion, *Voted*, That in case the M. W. Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, should erect a Masonic Temple in Boston, the Treasurer of this Grand Chapter be and is hereby authorized and directed to loan to said Grand Lodge of the funds of this Grand Chapter a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, at an interest of five per cent. per annum, or at such other rate of interest as shall be paid by said Grand Lodge, for sums of money loaned to them by other Masonic bodies; redeemable at the pleasure of said Grand Lodge.

At a meeting of the proprietors of Christ's Church, held on the 6th of June, 1830, the following preamble and votes were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The members of this congregation are under great obligations to the Masonic fraternity for their kindness in permitting us to occupy their convenient and spacious hall, for the purpose of public worship during ten weeks, while our church was undergoing repairs; and many other acts of kindness which were spontaneously offered by them in addition to the use of their hall, therefore,

Voted, That Messrs. John Lowden, Charles Williams, and the Clerk, be a Committee to wait on the different Masonic institutions in this city at their next meetings, and tender to them on behalf

of the proprietors and congregation of this church, our grateful thanks for their kindness, and to assure them, that the lively feelings of gratitude to which their liberality has given rise, will not soon be effaced, and that we shall not fail to cherish a lively regard for their future prosperity.

Voted, That the Committee respectfully invite the members of the different Masonic institutions in this city, to attend divine service in this church, on the afternoon of Sunday next, June 13th, and that our Rev. Rector be requested to deliver a sermon suitable to the occasion.

A true extract from the records.

Attest, JOS. W. INGRAHAM,
Proprietors' and Vestry Clerk.

On motion, *Voted*, That in case the General Grand High Priest, and Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, should visit this city the ensuing summer, the Council of this Grand Chapter be authorized to take such measures in relation thereto, as to them shall seem mete and proper.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in ancient form.

A true record.

Attest,

SAMUEL HOWE,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	Charter dated A. L.	5769
KING CYRUS, Newburyport,	do.	5790
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	do.	5803
KING SOLOMON'S, Charlton,	do.	5805
WASHINGTON, Salem,	do.	5811
KING HIRAM'S, Greenwich,	do.	5815
ADONIRAM, Taunton,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
FRANKLIN, Greenfield,	do.	5817
RISING SUN, Nantucket,	do.	5818
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
THOMAS, Princeton,	do.	5821
WORCESTER, Worcester,	do.	5823
MOUNT LEBANON, Medway,	do.	5824
BROOKFIELD, Brookfield,	do.	5825
NORTHAMPTON, Northampton,	do.	5825
CONCORD, Concord,	do.	5826
MOUNT HOREB, Lowell,	do.	5826
BETHLEHEM, New Bedford,	do.	5826
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to SAMUEL HOWE, Grand Secretary, Boston.